

# Harrisburg Area Intergroup Inventory

September 23, 2017

**Attendance: Dale—facilitator; Chris B, Al, Nick, Chelsea, Curt C. at beginning of meeting.**

- 1) What is Harrisburg Area Intergroup's (HAI) primary purpose?
  - a. Can be found in bylaws, mission statement
  
- 2) Is HAI attracting Home Groups from different geographical areas?
  - a. No. Decreased attendance of IGR, over 60-ish groups and only 20-ish groups showing up. How are we attracting...?
  - a. Are we seeing a good cross-section of our community?
    - a. No-not a good cross section
  
- 3) Do new Intergroup members stick with us, or does the turnover seem excessive?
  - a. Do we need to do more to educate new IGR on intergroup? By example, we should be encouraging committee participation.  
  
Why?
    - a. Do these IGR need additional education? IG members need to exhibit positive attitude towards services.  
  
How do we motivate intergroup attendees for involvement in committees?
      - b. Increased positive attitude
  
- 4) Does HAI communicate and cooperate with District 36 and Area 59?
  - a. Poor communication and cooperation. Not utilizing Area 59 resources; better cooperation with District 36.
  
- 5) Do we take time to explain to all intergroup representatives the essential services that we provide through HAI?
  - a. No—better explanation. Better attendance at sub-committees. Are we explaining? Past reps/chairs are not utilized for current reps, not explained what they are doing.
  
- 6) Do we explain responsibilities and commitments of service positions?
  - a. Yes—bylaws. Committee descriptions are still in the works—utilize Area, GSO, etc.
  
- 7) Do we, as HAI representatives, take care in communicating intergroup business to our home groups?
  - a. From the reps at the inventory, our home groups appear to be doing reports. Are we education IGR on reporting back to home group and importance!?

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Are HAI representatives available and encouraging participation, emphasizing the value of being involved in service above the group level?

a. Available, but may not be as encouraging as can be.

**8)** Does HAI observe the spirit of rotation? Yes. Bylaws have been updated.

a. Are the terms clearly limited? Yes, bylaws.

**9)** Are we doing all we can to make HAI attractive?

a. Probably not. We should be communicating with other intergroups and utilizing their resources.

**10)** Are there any concerns about location?

a. Fellowship house is pretty centrally located; based on old ideas and past things that have happened; close proximity to other groups for the most part.

**11)** Is participating in HAI all inclusive? All inclusive, but would it be helpful to do 1:1 contact to explain purpose of IGR, attending IG, etc.;

a. Do we make new faces welcome and comfortable? We could be more welcoming—explaining need and importance of service positions.

**12)** Are we supporting the Public Information (PI) and Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC) committees? No. Coming together-monthly meetings and chair is involved.

a. Are they being trained on how to represent AA? No—need to utilize GSO resources, videos, booklets.

**13)** Are we asking other areas for their experience in committee and intergroup operations?

a. No

**14)** How can we be more responsible and effective with the 7th Tradition donations from groups?

a. Develop functioning budget, offer transparency (utilize Area-finance sub-committee)—finance committee chair approaches each chair of sub-committee; should activities be a separate entity/self-supporting? Event by event, etc.—charging for events. Want vs. need from committees spending the most \$\$.

**15)** Are we carrying out local services with the money donated by groups (PI, CPC, Institutions, Corrections, Phone, and Literature)?

a. Yes—we should work with intergroups. Need to look at better access to Literature possibly.

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- 16)** Are intergroup members reimbursed appropriately for their cost acquired for HAI business?
- a. We should look at defining reimbursements; not in bylaws currently.
- 17)** Does HAI do anything to misrepresent the conscience of Home Groups?
- a. No, if thorough report is given.
- 18)** Does HAI do anything that affiliates, endorses or binds HAI, actual or implied, to any related facility or outside enterprises?
- a. Tradition 6: implied affiliation with Fellowship House. Treatment facilities: giving to alcoholic, not facility (committees and members taking message, given literature by HAI). Awareness of flyers on web site (endorsing, etc. blue people logo on inventory flyer; look at giving flyers to PI committee to review).
- 19)** Is HAI conscious of decisions that may effect other groups or AA as a whole?
- a. Sometimes...are decisions brought back to home groups prior to deciding? IGR bringing decisions back to IG from home group discussion?
- 20)** What more can we do to help Home Groups carry the AA message in the local area?
- a. Encourage recovery: 12 steps in home group. Educate and explain IG to home groups. Do they know what we do?—fulfilling what home group can't do, IG does. Goes back to having a home group, sponsor, etc.

### Other notes:

- Place a specific yearly phone hotline sheet with sign in sheets.
- Other IG have home groups take Treatment Centers monthly, etc. as a commitment (we have tried this in the past).
- Looking into have individual home group reports about any issues at HG, attendance, etc.
- Box 459 has description of intergroup and overlap; looking into copies and distribution to IGR.